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In re CIP Application of  
Joseph D. Lichtenhan et al  
Application Serial No. 09/783,719  
Filed: 16 February 2001  
For: **ALTERING OF POSS RINGS**

Group Art Unit: 1722  
Examiner: M. Moore

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

In response to the Office Action dated 10-31-03, finally rejecting claims 1-29, less 19, in the above application, reconsideration is requested.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-29, less 19, are in the present application.

The Office Action rejection of claims 20, 21 and 25 as anticipated under 35 USC 102 (b) or in the alternative, as obvious under 35 USC 103 (a) over Lichtenhan et al's patent, '562, is respectfully traversed.